

**MEMO**  
*Via Facsimile*

TO: Carlton Hays, Department of Public Safety  
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Jim Craig, Department of Health  
Oscar Barnes, American Red Cross

FROM: Kelly Riley, Policy Liaison

DATE: April 2, 2002

SUBJECT: April 8-10, 2002, Meetings with County Emergency Response  
Officials Regarding MDOT's Draft I-59 Reverse Laning Plan

Pursuant to our meetings regarding MDOT's proposal for the reverse laning of I-59 should an approaching hurricane require the evacuation of New Orleans, MDOT has provided us with its final draft reverse laning plan. Robert Latham, Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), has forwarded this draft report to the local county emergency management agency directors in those counties that will be impacted by this proposed plan.

The Governor's Office and MEMA will be holding meetings with these local county emergency management agency directors and emergency response personnel to discuss the plan and to provide them with an opportunity to comment. The meeting dates and locations are provided on the enclosed sheet. I have also included an agenda for the meetings for your reference.

As your agency or organization is involved with emergency response services, I would like to invite you to attend these meetings to participate in agenda item 4, "Agency Responses." You will be given the opportunity to present your agency's comments on the plan.

Please contact me at 359-9452 by 12:00 noon this Friday, April 5, 2002, to let me know if you'll be able to attend these meetings and to provide me with your email address so that I can email you a copy of MDOT's most recent draft plan. Thank you.

***Monday, April 8, 2002***

**Pearl River County:** 9:00 a.m. at Pearl River Community College's Technology Building in Poplarville.

Pearl River Community College is located at 101 Highway 11 South. Take I-59 South out of Hattiesburg to the Highway 26 exit. Go west on Highway 26 to Poplarville. Take a right onto Highway 11 and head north. Take the main entrance into campus. The Technology Building has an orange roof and is located on the back side of campus. Point of Contact: Dr. William Lewis at 601-403-1200.

**Lamar County:** 2:00 p.m. at the Lumberton Community Center in Lumberton.

Take I-59 South out of Hattiesburg to Exit 41, which is Highway 13. Go west on Highway 13 for approximately 2 miles or so. The Community Center will be on your right before the railroad tracks. Point of Contact: Sandra at 601-794-8504.

**Forrest County:** 6:30 p.m. (Location and directions to be provided ASAP.)

***Tuesday, April 9, 2002***

**Lauderdale, Jasper, and Clarke counties:** 9:30 a.m. at the Frank Cochran Center in Highland Park, 1600 Jimmy Rogers Memorial Drive, in Meridian,.

Go east on I-20 out of Jackson to Meridian. Take the Airport Exit (#150), turn left and head north on Highway 11/19. Turn right at the McDonald's on to 8<sup>th</sup> street. Turn left at the next traffic light onto 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Continue north to Highland Park Drive. Turn right and go approximately 500 feet. The Frank Cochran Center will be a large yellow building on the left. Point of Contact: Mark Naylor at 601-485-1802.

**Jones County:** 2:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A and B of the South Central Regional Medical Center, 1220 Jefferson Street, in Laurel. Point of Contact: Steve Earnest at 601-649-4000. (Directions to be provided ASAP.)

***Wednesday, April 10, 2002***

**Stone, George and Perry counties:** 9:30 a.m. at the Stone County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall on Airport Street in Wiggins.

Take the Highway 26 exit off of Highway 49 South. Go west on Highway 26 and the fairgrounds will be approximately 2 blocks west of Highway 49. Point of contact: Raven James at 601-928-3077.

**Harrison, Jackson and Hancock counties:** 1:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum's Convention Center on Highway 90 in Biloxi.

The Coast Coliseum is located immediately east of Beauvoir on Highway 90 in Biloxi (between Edgewater Mall and the Broadwater Marina). The convention center is behind the coliseum.

**I-59 Reverse Laning Meetings with County  
Emergency Response Agency Officials  
April 8-10, 2002**

***DRAFT AGENDA***

1. Introduction of meeting and of agency representatives (*NOTE: The following organizations will be present or have been invited.*)
  - Governor's Office
  - MEMA
  - DPS
  - MDOT
  - DHS
  - Department of Health
  - Red Cross
2. Background of Lane Reversal Plan
3. Overview of Draft Lane Reversal Plan
4. Agency Responses
5. Public Comments on Draft Lane Reversal Plan